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The reply to Restriction requirement filed 10-03-02 (Paper No. 12) is not fully responsive to the prior Office action (restriction) mailed 7-2-02 (Paper No. 10), because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant did not elect a species encompassed by the elected invention.

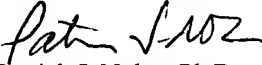
Specifically, applicant elected the species of a fusion protein comprising the pan DR binding sequence of KFVAAWTLKAA. Said sequence does not conform to the generic sequence recited in base claim 18 because the specification of R1 of the generic sequence does not match the N terminal K residue of the elected peptide. K does not suffice for R1 where R1 is an amino acid followed by a alanine or lysine.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE EXTENDABLE MONTH, from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy DeCloux whose telephone number is (703) 306-5821. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. a message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (703) 308-3973.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technology Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center telephone number is (703) 305-3014.

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